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" Only the Earth doth stand for ever  
still.  
Her rocks remove not, nor her  
mountains meet  
(A lthough some wits enriched with  
learning's skill,  
Say ' Heaven stands firm! and that  
the Earth doth fleet,  
And swiftly turneth underneath their  
feet') ;  
Yet though the Earth is ever  
steadfast seen, -On her f>road\_  
breast, hath Dancing ever been" -

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" For those blue veins, that through  
her body spread; Those sapphire  
streams which from great hills do  
spring ^ (The Earth's great dugs 1  
for every wight is fed With sweet  
fresh moisture from them issuing)  
Observe a Dance in then wild  
wandering / •  
A nd still their Dance begets a  
murmur sweet \$  
A nd still the Murmur with the  
Dance doth meet /"

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" Of all their ways, I love Meander's  
path; Which, to the tunes of dying  
swans, doth dance Such winding  
slights. Such turns and tricks he  
hath, Such creeks, such wrenches,  
aad \$uch daliance That (whether it be  
hap or heedless chance) In his  
indented course and wringing play,  
He seems to dance, a perfect cunning  
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" But wherefore do these streams  
for ever run ? To keep themselves  
for ever sweet and clear ! For let  
their everlasting course be done>  
They straight, corruptiand foul  
with mud appear ! O ye sweet  
Nymphs, that beauty's loss do  
fear,  
Contemn the. drugs that physic doth  
devise;  
A &d learn of LOVE, this dainty  
exercise!"